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### **LOCAL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Christine Yorozu, found 89 elected and 13 appointed officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Tuesday in Olympia.

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state statute to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15<sup>th</sup> reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

“Filing reports that disclose financial interests and holdings is more than a formality,” Yorozu said. “It’s a means for the public to have tangible proof that officials are acting in the public’s interest and not for their private gain.”

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent two warning letters asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent on May 6, 2002 and letter with an opportunity to pay a \$50 fine and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on May 21, 2002.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

Government officials from the Thurston/Mason County area who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing are:

<b>William Frank</b> , College Board Member, The Evergreen State College	\$300 Penalty
<b>John Mankowski</b> , Member, Forest Practices Board, DNR	\$150 Penalty
<b>Bob Kelly</b> , Member, Forest Practices Board, DNR	\$350 Penalty
<b>Jan Shinpoch</b> , Professional Staff, Office of the Governor (Thru 4.10.02)	\$150 Penalty
<b>Sandi Snell</b> , Professional Staff, Office of the Governor (Thru 3/31/02)	\$150 Penalty
<b>Theodore Sturdevant</b> , Professional Staff, Office of the Governor	\$150 Penalty
<b>Linda Anderson</b> , School Director, Griffin SD	\$150 Penalty
<b>Antonio Sanchez</b> , Professional Staff, House of Representatives	\$100 Penalty
<b>Kim Anensen</b> , School Director, McCleary SD	\$150 Penalty
<b>John McGee</b> , School Director, Olympia SD	\$300 Penalty
<b>Ed Oliphant</b> , School Director, Onalaska SD	\$300 Penalty
<b>Yvonne Tate</b> , Member, Public Employees Benefits Board	\$100 Penalty
<b>J Fittinger</b> , School Director, Rainier SD	\$150 Penalty
<b>Michael Thomas</b> , Fire Commissioner, Thurston Fire Protection Dist	\$150 Penalty
<b>Michael McClarrinon</b> , Fire Commissioner, Thurston Fire Protection Dist	\$300 Penalty
<b>Suzanne Burke</b> , Member, Economic Development Finance Authority	\$150 Penalty
<b>David Thompson</b> , School Director, Rochester SD	\$150 Penalty

On Tuesday, Yorozu also levied civil penalties to three lobbyist employers for failure to file annual employer reports due February 28, 2002. Laidlaw Transit, SBC Telecom Inc., and the Washington State Association of Independent Outpatient Programs were each fined \$500.

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